

TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Tarzana Elementary School
5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** by TNC President Kathy Delle Donne: Roll Call: Matthew Austin, Susan Blauner, Kathy Delle Donne, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Jason Hayes, Eran Heissler, Evan Levi, Varant Majarian, Eileen Maronde, Deanna Scott, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, Esther Wieder, Susan Weidman. Pledge of Allegiance. **Absent:** Harvey Goldberg, Doug Sarver, Paul Lawler, and Jon Reich.
President's Remarks: Kathy asked the board to review TNC's Code of Civility and spoke about time limits for board member comments.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**
 - Octaviano Rios, Field, Deputy for CD3, asked the board to recommend sites for tree trimming and pothole/street repair to use discretionary funds.
 - LAPD Officer Bob Trulick: Senior Lead Officer for Encino (reporting for Daryl Scoggins). Crime stats: Increase in car break-ins & thefts from Starbucks when valuables are left unattended. He suggested locking valuables out of sight and locking windows and doors when leaving the house.
 - Tom Soong, DONE's new Project Manager for Region 3: Gracie Liu is the new GM for DONE. Talked about trainings for board members and NC board member events.
 - Captain John Egan of LAPD reported on the Corp of Engineers' project making the public area by the Sepulveda Basin more safe and accessible. He talked about traffic cameras which are being monitored by civilian volunteers and Operation Embrace, where the police are on campus at LAUSD schools at the start and end of each day. Also planning a meeting with the S.F. V. Coalition on Gangs to meet with NCs.
3. **Public Comments:**
 - Mike Feuer, candidate for City Attorney, talked about his experience in the State Assembly, L.A. City Council, and his work running free legal services for the poor.
 - Joyce Pearson, candidate for CD3, reviewed her experience for this position.
 - Sharon Brewer made comments about ways to improve the agenda and financial report.
4. **Report by Ray Verches of SoCalGas**, Rochelle Selby, and Daisy Sanchez reported on their **Advanced Meter Project** being planned by 2017 for their entire service territory of 5 million meters. Once installed, the meter readings can be read online as well as on their cell phone app. Six poles in the TNC area are co-locations on existing poles. For more info go to: www.socalgas.com/advanced (see Fact Sheets).
5. Approval of minutes from November 27, 2012 Board meeting: **(Hayes/Heissler) moved to accept the board meeting minutes from November 2012. The motion carried.**
6. **Approval of monthly financial statements.** Max questioned an item on the financials about the meeting expenses allocation. **(Heissler/Levy) moved to approve the monthly financial statement. The motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Report by Budget Advocate**, Jon Reich was not available to speak on the status of the Mayor's Budget Survey, the \$3 Billion Street Repair Bond issue, LA County Stormwater runoff parcel tax and Measure A (one half percent sales tax increase scheduled for March 5, 2013 ballot.). Denyse stated that the Bond Measure and Parcel tax were postponed before the City Council. A presentation will be upcoming on Feb. 19th on the pros and cons on the tax measure at Cleveland High School, sponsored by Reseda NC.

8. **NPG Grant for Tarzana Elementary School:** (Esther recused herself from this discussion). (Levi/Majarian) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, that TNC fund \$3,200 to Tarzana Elementary School to help fund the school year ending June 2013 for their physical education program.”
9. **OneGeneration Senior Symposium –** (Levy/Heissler) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee that the Board allocate \$750. from its Community Projects budget for the OneGeneration Senior Symposium to tentatively be held in May 2013.” The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Candidates Forum –** (Levy/Heissler) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee the Board allocate \$250 (from the Outreach Budget) pending paperwork for a sponsorship table at a Woodland-Hills Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum for Candidates running for the Third Council District.” The motion carried with two abstentions (Flehinger, Garfinkle). The forum will be held on Jan. 30th at 6:30 pm at Westfield Promenade. TNC will have a table at the event.
11. **VANCC Mixer –** (Levy/Hayes) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee the Board allocate \$200 (from Administrative Budget) to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Mixer celebrating their 10 year anniversary to be held on March 14, 2013.” The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Public Safety Committee –** (Levy/Majarian) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee allocate additional amount of \$325 for hand-outs, emergency bags and incidentals.” Elliot explained that waterproof bags will be distributed to stakeholders at the Public Safety Day event at TCC. (Shaffer) made a friendly amendment that the amount of \$325 be added to the Public Safety Budget for Public Safety Day. The motion carried with one opposed (Flehinger).
13. **Mayor’s Budget Survey Campaign –** (Levy/Wieder) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee the Board allocate \$150 (from the Outreach Budget) for the printing of flyers for distribution to the Tarzana community (schools, churches, community groups etc.” The motion carried unanimously.
14. **Mailing List –** (Levy/Selesnick) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget & Finance Committee the Board allocate \$400 (from the Administration Budget) for the purchase of an email list for the Tarzana community in order to increase TNC current email list.” The motion carried with two abstentions (Flehinger, Garfinkle).
15. **Resignation** of Joyce Greene initially suggested stepping down as Co-Chair of the Energy & Environment Committee. While the board was willing to accept her resignation. Joyce decided to stay on as this was her role when elected. (Garfinkle/Austin) moved that the resignation of Joyce be removed from the agenda. The motion carried.
16. **Committee and Representative Reports:**
 - **Chairperson, Marina McLeod** Energy & Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd and the preliminary plan for the Second Annual Earth Day to be held on April 20, 2113. Marina reported that she has met with Joel Jaffe regarding Earth Day and is up to date on how to proceed. She also reported on other items her committee discussed.
 - **Chairperson, Elliot Durant** Public Safety Committee Meeting held on Jan. 7th and plan for the Public Safety Awareness Fair to be held on March 16, 2013. Elliot went to Red Cross headquarters to receive training on Map Your Neighborhood. He showed the board emergency preparedness brochures and signage on emergency preparedness. He will also have other flyers, brochures and presentations for the Fair.
 - **Chairperson, Denyse Selesnick** Outreach Committee Meeting held on Jan. 17th
 - **Chairperson, Jason Hayes** gave a short report on his Transportation Committee Meeting held on Jan 18th.
 - **BONC Commissioner & LANCC Representative,** Len Shaffer reported on current

BONC and LANCC items. LAANC passed a motion opposing the Bond Measure and the half-cent Sales Tax. He talked about new posting rules and invited the board to NC kickoff on 1/26 at the new L.A. Police building downtown.

- **DWP MOU Representative, Joyce Greene** reported on actions regarding the DWP meetings.
17. **TNC Executive Committee: (Delle Donne/Hayes)** moved that training by the Councils for Councils (C4C) Program be provided to board members and chairpersons on topics such as Brown Act, Parliamentary Procedure and Work-plan development. The motion carried unanimously.
 18. **TNC Executive Committee: (Levy/Heissler)** moved to recommend to the TNC Board that the following Rules Committee motions 19(a) through 19(j) proposed be postponed for 90 days. **(Flehinger/Garfinkle)** moved a substitute motion to defer discussion and action on the Rules Committee's proposed motions at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at a location to be announced. The motion carried with one opposed (Majarian).
 19. Motions proposed by the Rules Committee at the meeting on November 15, 2012: "Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council adopts the following Standing Rules.
 - (a) The following are standing committees of the TNC: Budget & Finance; Energy & Environment; Government Action; Land Use; Outreach; Rules and Bylaws; and Transportation.
 - (b) Standing committees shall be chaired by a current Board member.
 - (c) Ad Hoc Committee may be chaired by a non-board member TNC stakeholder.
 - (d) A majority of all committee members, standing or ad hoc, must be TNC stakeholders.
 - (e) All committee chairs, standing and ad hoc, must take the Ethics Training as specified by Assembly Bill 1234 within 60 (sixty) days of appointment. Failure to do so will result in Automatic removal of the chair. This rule will not apply to any committee chair that is in compliance with any other Standing Rule regarding the Ethics Training.
 - (f) The Board President has the sole discretion to appoint and remove standing and ad hoc committee chairs with approval of the Board. Approval shall be by a majority of those present and voting.
 - (g) Absent affirmative action by the Board to the contrary, the elected Board President shall be designated the "second signatory" for all purposes as defined by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - (h) Absent affirmative action by the Board to the contrary, the elected Board Treasurer shall be designated the holder of the Purchase card and the "first signatory" for all purposes as defined by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - (i) All TNC Board and committee agendas shall list the current Board or committee members and the and the Board quorum needed to conduct business.
 - (j) All issues and requests for action that fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of a committee, standing or ad hoc, shall be heard by that committee prior to any action by the Board."
 20. **Board Member Comment** –Eileen requested that chairpersons type out a half page report to be provided to the board before the meeting to move things along faster.
 21. **Future Agenda Items** and other Calendar Events: None.
 22. **Adjournment:** 10:07 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-